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Examiner

HA D. HO

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Application filed 07/13/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 20-27.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 07/13/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given via email with Mr. Bujold on 09/23/08.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

- Claim 12-19 have been canceled.
- New claims 20-27 have been added as follows:

20. (NEW) A shiftable multispeed reverse transmission comprising an input shaft (1) and first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth countershafts (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), one or more fixed gears and idle gears being mounted on the first, the second, the third, the fourth, the fifth, the sixth countershafts (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), the idle gears being non-rotatably connected with the countershafts via shiftable clutches for one of gear or direction change, and an output shaft (8),
the reverse transmission has first, second, third and fourth forward gears and first, second, third and fourth reverse gears, a first fixed gear (116) and a first idle gear (115) connected with the input shaft (1) via a first forward clutch (KV) for the four forward gears, the first fixed gear (116) on the input shaft (1) being in constant mesh with a second fixed gear (202) on the first countershaft (2) upon which a reverse clutch (KR) is situated, a second idle gear (102) is connectable via the reverse clutch (KR) with the first countershaft (2) and is in constant mesh with a third fixed gear (104), the third fixed gear (104) is additionally in constant mesh with the first idle gear (115) situated upon the input shaft (1) and non-rotatably connected with the third countershaft (4) upon which are situated a fourth fixed gear (204) and a third idle gear (111), the third idle

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gear (111) is connectable via a third clutch (K2) for gear change and in constant mesh with a fifth fixed gear (106) situated upon the fifth countershaft (6), and the fourth fixed gear (204) is in constant mesh with a fourth idle gear (113) situated on the fifth countershaft (6) which is capable of being connected, via a fourth shiftable clutch (K4), with the fifth countershaft (6), the fifth fixed gear (106) situated on the fifth countershaft (6) being in constant mesh with a sixth fixed gear (107) and the sixth fixed gear (107) being non-rotatably connected with the sixth countershaft (7) and a sun gear (S) of a planetary stage (P), and the output shaft (8) is non-rotatably connected with a seventh fixed gear (108) which is in constant mesh with a fifth idle gear (117), the fifth idle gear (117) being non-rotatably connected with a planet carrier of the planetary stage (P), a hollow shaft of the planetary stage (P) being connectable either, via a brake (B), with a housing (G) or, via a fifth clutch (K), with the sun gear (S).

21. (NEW) The reverse transmission according to claim 20, wherein the first forward gear is engaged by engaging the first forward clutch (KV), the third clutch (K2) and the brake (B), the second forward gear is engaged by engaging the first forward clutch (KV), the fourth shiftable clutch (K4) and the brake (B) the third forward gear is engaged by engaging the first forward clutch (KV), the third clutch (K2) and the fifth clutch (K) of the planetary stage (P), and the fourth forward gear is engaged by engaging the first forward clutch (KV), the fourth shiftable clutch (K4) and the fifth clutch (K) of the planetary stage (P).

22. (NEW) The reverse transmission according to claim 20, wherein the first reverse gear is engaged by engaging the reverse clutch (KR), the third clutch (K2) and the brake (B), the second reverse gear is engaged by engaging the reverse clutch (KR), the fourth shiftable clutch (K4) and the brake (B), the third reverse gear is engaged by engaging the reverse clutch (KR), the third clutch (K2) and the fifth clutch (K) of the planetary stage (P), and the fourth reverse gear is engaged by engaging the reverse clutch (KR), the fourth shiftable clutch (K4) and of the fifth clutch (K) of the planetary stage (P).

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23. (NEW) The reverse transmission according to claim 20, wherein a uniform ratio range is obtained by translation of the planetary stage (P) by shifting from the second gear to the third gear.

24. (NEW) A shiftable multispeed reverse transmission comprising an input shaft (1) and first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth countershafts (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), one or more fixed gears and idle gears being mounted on the first, the second, the third, the fourth, the fifth, the sixth countershafts (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), and the idle gears being non-rotatably connected with the countershafts via shiftable clutches for one of gear or direction change, and an output shaft (8),

the reverse transmission has first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth forward gears and first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth reverse gears, a first idle gear (115), situated upon the input shaft (1) is connected with the input shaft (1) via a forward clutch (SV) which is one of a synchronizer unit or dog clutch for the eight forward gears, the first idle gear (115) being in constant mesh with a first fixed gear (103) which is situated on the second countershaft (3) upon which a second idle gear (110) and a first shift clutch (K1), by way of which the second idle gear (110) can be connected with the first countershaft (3), and a second fixed gear (203) non-rotatably connected with the first countershaft (3) are situated, and upon the input shaft (1) is situated a third idle gear (116) connectable with the input shaft (1) via a reverse clutch (SR) in the form of one of the synchronizer unit or the dog clutch for the eight reverse gears, the third idle gear (116) being in constant mesh with a third fixed gear (202) upon a first shaft (2) upon which still a fourth fixed gear (102) is situated, and the fourth fixed gear (102) is in constant mesh with a fifth fixed gear (104) which in addition is in constant mesh with the first idle gear (115) situated on the input shaft (1), the fifth fixed gear (104) is non-rotatably connected with the third countershaft (4) upon which is situated a sixth fixed gear (204) and a fourth idle gear (111) connectable via a second clutch (K2) for a gearshift, the fourth idle gear (104) is in constant mesh with a seventh fixed gear (106) situated on the fifth countershaft (6) and connectable via a third shift clutch (K4) with a fifth idle gear (113) in constant mesh with the sixth fixed gear (204) of the third countershaft (4), the seventh fixed gear (106) situated on the fifth countershaft (6) being in constant mesh with an eighth fixed gear (107) situated on the

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sixth countershaft (7) and the eighth fixed gear (107) is non-rotatably connected with the sixth countershaft (7) and with a sun gear (S) of a planetary stage (P), the output shaft (8) is non-rotatably connected a ninth fixed gear (108) which is in constant mesh with a sixth idle gear (117), and the sixth idle gear (117) being non-rotatably connected with a planet carrier of the planetary stage (P), a hollow gear of the planetary stage (P) being connectable, via a brake (B), with a housing (G) or. via a fourth clutch (K). with the sun gear (S), the eighth fixed gear (107) situated on the sixth countershaft (7) is additionally in constant operative connection with a tenth fixed gear (105) situated on the fourth countershaft (5), a seventh idle gear (112) on the fourth countershaft (5) being connectable via a fifth shift clutch (K3) with the fourth countershaft (5), the tenth fixed gear (105) situated upon the fourth countershaft (5) being in constant mesh with the second idle gear (110) which, via the first shift clutch (K1), can be connected with the second countershaft (3) and the second fixed gear (203) of the second countershaft (3) is in constant operative connection with the seventh idle gear (112) of the fourth countershaft (5).

25. (NEW) The reverse transmission according to claim 24, wherein the first forward gear is engaged by engaging the forward clutch (SV), the first shift clutch (K1) upon the second countershaft (3) and the brake (B), the second forward gear is engaged by engaging the forward clutch (SV), the second clutch (K2) of the third countershaft (4) and the brake (B), the third forward gear is engaged by engaging the forward clutch (SV), the fifth clutch (K3) and the brake (B), the fourth forward gear is engaged by engaging the forward clutch (SV), the third clutch (K4) and of the brake (B), the fifth forward gear is engaged by engaging the forward clutch (SV), the first shift clutch (K1) and the fourth clutch (K) of the planetary stage (P), the sixth forward gear is engaged by engaging the forward clutch (SV), the second clutch (K2) and the first clutch (K) of the planetary stage (P), the seventh forward gear is engaged by engaging the forward clutch (SV), the third clutch (K3) and the clutch (K) of the planetary stage (P), and the eighth forward gear is engaged by engaging the forward clutch (SV), the third clutch (K4) and the first clutch (K) of the planetary stage (P).

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26. (NEW) The reverse transmission according to claim 24, wherein the first reverse gear is engaged by engaging the reverse clutch (SR), the first shift clutch (K1) and the brake (B), the second reverse gear is engaged by engaging the reverse clutch (SR), the second clutch (K2) and the brake (B), the third reverse gear is engaged by engaging the reverse clutch (SR), the fifth clutch (K3) and the brake (B), the fourth reverse gear is engaged by engaging the reverse clutch (SR), the third clutch (K4) and the brake (B), the fifth reverse gear is engaged by engaging the reverse clutch (SR), the first shift clutch (K1) and the fourth clutch (K) of the planetary stage (P), the sixth reverse gear is engaged by engaging the reverse clutch (SR), the second clutch (K2) and the fourth clutch (K) of the planetary stage (P), and the eighth reverse gear is engaged by engaging the reverse clutch (SR), the third clutch (K4) and the second clutch (K) of the planetary stage (P).

27. (NEW) The reverse transmission according to claim 24, where a ratio of the planetary stage (P) is selected so that by changing from the fourth gear to the fifth gear, a uniform ratio range is obtained.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not disclose or render obvious a motivation to provide for a shiftable multispeed reverse transmission as defined by the limitations of claims 20 and 24; including an input shaft, an output shaft and six countershafts, fixed gears and idle gears mounted on the shafts having particular gear meshing arrangement, a plurality of particular clutches, and a particular planetary stage having a brake, wherein the transmission has four or eight forward gears and four or eight reverse gears.

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Cited Prior Art

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: see attached form PTO-892 of which each reference shows a transmission having a plurality of countershafts, clutches to provide a plurality of gear speed ratios.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ha D. Ho whose telephone number is 571-272-7091. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor can be reached on 571-272-7095.

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